Dear Parents,

**Timetable Change Trial**
From next Monday we will be making a slight alteration to the school timetable. The School Board and teaching staff have agreed to trial the removal of the five minute afternoon recess break and add five minutes onto our lunch break. This change will allow for a less disruptive afternoon learning session. However, each teacher will be mindful of their class's needs and when required may take their students outside for short, supervised physical activity breaks in the afternoon. Students will continue to have their water bottles in the classroom and be able to use the toilet when needed.

**Surveying the Community**
Next week every parent and staff member, as well as our Year 5 and 6 students will be asked to complete the National Schools Opinion Survey. Under the National Education Agreement and Schools Assistance Act 2008, schools are required to report on parent, student and staff satisfaction each year in their annual reports. The School Survey system provides an ideal vehicle by which reporting requirements under the Schools Assistance Act 2008 can be met. You will be contacted via email to complete this very simple online survey. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete and will provide us with valuable information for reflection and future planning at Como Primary School.

**Staffing**
We have been fortunate to obtain funding to increase our Chaplain Vicki Banks’s time at Como Primary from half a day each Thursday to the whole day each Thursday. Vicki is an asset to our school as she capably provides another layer to our pastoral care of our students and their families.

**Honour Awards**
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Honour certificates at our last assembly.

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**Assembly**
This week’s assembly will be presented by the prefects and will include an item from our Brass students. There will be no assembly next week.

**House Points**

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**Student Achievement**
Room 3 student Nicholas Y (Year 5) is a finalist in the People’s Choice Prize in the Robo-Hero competition at the Perth Science Festival. The aim of the competition was to design a robot that could be used to help our local community. Nicholas’ entry will be displayed at the festival this Sunday 14th August, as well as in the Art Gallery of Western Australia from Monday 15th - Monday 22nd August. We are so proud of Nicholas, what a great effort! Please go along and support Nicholas for the People's Choice Award!

**Ready for Sport**
As all children will be continuing their oval jog at the beginning of each sport lesson could you please ensure they have a drink bottle, hat and appropriate sport footwear. Sending children to a drink fountain during a lesson causes much interruption. Thank you for your understanding.

**Physical Education Notes**
If your child is unable to take part in Phys. Ed for any reason could you please send a note along to Mrs Casey or Mrs Cartwright-Worrall? Thank you.

**Inter-house Athletics Carnival**
The Inter-house Jumps and Throws competitions will be held on Tuesday 30th August. The Inter-house Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 1st September. Both events are held on the school oval. We look forward to seeing you there!

M. Casey

**PMP Roster Monday 15th August**

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Did you Know?
The enrolments felt by 1947 were 346. The Education Department felt that plans to build the Collier School in 1948 would relieve the problem of excess numbers at Como. The new hat room and old office were currently being used as classrooms. In June that year, the Inspector’s Report noted that “the new school hall is in such a state of completion that it is ready for electric light fittings”.

When the deputy Premier and Minister for Education (Mr A.F. Watts) visited the school in the week prior to the official opening, The West Australian reported that “he expressed amazement at the fine edifice (of the hall) which had been erected by the men of the district for the use of the children”, and “as an example of community effort it was outstanding”.

The building was described as being 100ft. by 40ft., divided into an assembly hall, dressing rooms, stage, kitchen etc. Much controversy was said to have been evoked over the hall, critics maintaining that the provision of lunch rooms and assembly halls was the duty of the Education Department. In reply, it was contended that the Government “had so much to do for education and only so little with which to work that only community organising would ensure the present generation of children obtaining such amenities”.

It is estimated that, during construction of the P&C hall, 101 men worked for approximately 3200 man-hours. In addition, work of a special nature was donated by city firms. The hall was estimated at the time to be worth 2500 pounds, and noted to be ‘free of debt’.

The official opening of the P & C Hall was held on 25 October 1947, upon which The West Australian newspaper reported that it had been “...built by members of the Como Parents and Citizens' Association for the use of the children of the Como State School and local organisations, (the) school hall was officially opened by the Minister for Education (Mr A. F. Watts)... The ceremony was performed at a public dinner and dance held in the building and attended by nearly 400 persons. Mr. Watts expressed admiration for the association’s work in providing the hall and said that it was ‘a commendable example of the initiative and public spirit needed in an undeveloped State’. He also noted that “Progress was the result of dissatisfaction, and while parents were dissatisfied with the amenities provided for their children improvement must come. As Minister, with over 650 schools in need of attention, he was alive to the problems to be overcome” and he commended the P & C’s effort as being well worthy of emulation.

The Virtues
Kindness

Signs of Success
Congratulations! You are practising Kindness when you
• Give tender attention to someone who is sad or needs help
• Do things to give others happiness
• Practise habits that help the environment (reduce, re-use, recycle)
• Resist the temptation to be cruel
• Accept people who are different

Grants Approved for Como Primary School P & C
The P & C have been seeking alternative sources of funding our many initiatives by applying for grants from Federal, State and Local Government authorities. This has resulted in the awarding of a total of $15,000 to our school in the last two months. We are pleased to announce the awarding of three grants:

Lotterywest – Community Event Grant
We have been successful in our application for $10,000 to assist in funding our exciting plans for the Centenary Open Day celebration on October 22th. This will go towards the costs of hiring equipment and staging. The Open Day is a great opportunity to thank those in our community that have, over the last 100 years, made Como Primary such a great school. Please invite your family and friends to show off our school and celebrate with our local community friends.

Federal Government – Strengthening Communities Grant
To assist funding the Comover initiatives of the oval camp out and other family fun activities, we were awarded $3,770. This will go towards the purchase of a new BBQ, generator, tents, lighting and family fun games.

City of South Perth – Community Funding Programme
Thank you to the City of South Perth who have awarded our school with $1,000 to go towards the costs of the Open Classrooms and Reunion Hall at our Open Day. There will be a large number of photos on display and our children’s work to view during our Open Day.

Enrol now for VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons
It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. To enrol or find out more visit www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming. Enrolments close on Monday 29th August.
WALKING SCHOOL BUS!!
Please join us tomorrow, Friday at the following points and paths. Parents are able to drop their children off at the following times and intersections, and our Walking School Bus will be there to pick them up. Please make sure you can see the Walking School Bus before leaving your child at the stop. Our parent volunteers will then walk with them to Como.

**South Bound**
We will start at 8.15am: Gardner Street + Coode Street Intersection.
The bus will leave at 8.20am: Coode Street + Comer Street Intersection.
The bus will leave at 8.25am: Coode Street + Preston Street Intersection.

**North Bound**
8.10am: Parents can drop their children off at the corner of Henley Street and Canning Highway near Cafeli’s Café (there is a safe no through road with less traffic). The bus will then walk to the intersection of Robert Street and Henley Street.
8.15am: Robert Street + Cale Street Intersection.
8.20am: Robert Street + Saunders Street Intersection.
8.22am: Saunders Street + Labouchere Road Intersection.
8.25am: Labouchere Road + Greenock Avenue Intersection.

**Join us tomorrow** for a healthy and fun way to get to school and reduce the number of cars driving to and from Como! We will be looking for the class with the most walkers this week for a special prize! If any parents would like to get involved and volunteer a Friday morning, please email Sam Edwards samantha.edwards@education.wa.edu.au ANY HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

**ROTORV MONEY TRAIL**
Saturday 13th AUGUST 2016
8.00 am - 3.00 pm
OUTSIDE THE IGA, PRESTON STREET

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**
Rotary and Como Primary were very successful on Election Day raising $730.35 for the school Robotics Program. Rotary has approached the school to raise further funds for our program outside the Como IGA on Preston Street. Please come down at any time on Saturday 13th August with your child (preferably in a school shirt) to help raise more money for our wonderful school!
Please contact Emma Phillips (elphillips14@gmail.com) or Kellie McGrath (kellienigel@amnet.net.au) with any queries.

**Uniform Shop Roster**

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**Como Cookout News**
Thank you to our recent volunteers: Tess Harris, Angela Paddick, Chantelle Ranuaro, Ingrid Meyer, Jenny Ramshaw and Om Kenyon.

**This week is National Celebrate Canteen Week!**
To help celebrate the Como Cookout’s service, the canteen is looking especially bright and colourful. We have also added currency charts, to help foster mathematics with money exchanges.

**Summer Menu Ideas Competition:** If there is a favourite summer snack or lunch that you would like to see on our menu next term, now is the time! We would like our menu to appeal to our multicultural community and welcome all dish ideas. Entries are open to kids and parents, and can be submitted via email to como.cookout@gmail.com, to the front office or placed in our Submissions Box (outside the canteen window on Wednesdays and Fridays). Entries now close on Friday, 19th August. The Canteen Committee will select the best ideas and winners will receive a $5 Canteen voucher.

Are you interested in helping us once or twice a term at the Canteen? We are eagerly seeking more volunteers, as this service cannot operate without volunteer support. Volunteering is a fun way to meet other parents and make new friends. It is also a great opportunity to connect with the school, and sets a wonderful example for the kids.

Any queries, concerns or feedback, please contact me, Emma Rose 0400 441 655.

**Canteen Volunteer Roster**

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**School Banking Day is Friday**
To our regular savings students, don’t forget to visit commbank.com.au/prizelights to win prizes.
Friday is School Banking day and I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at 8.15 outside the uniform shop.
Loose Parts Wish List
If you have any of these items to spare, please deliver them to Mrs Edgecombe in Room One. Thank you.

- sheets, pillow cases, doona covers, cushions, netting
- Pieces of material with unusual texture or detail
- PVC pipes and joiners to suit
- cooking items such as old saucepans, wooden spoons, muffin tins etc
- whiteboard - any size from A4 to a largeboard on wheels
- plastic guttering pieces
- electrical cable reels
- dress ups - gloves, hats, hard hats etc
- old computer keyboards, walkie talkies, headphones
- tarpaulin - any size
- picnic or other rug
- large cardboard boxes
- outdoor broom, dustpan & broom
- dolls
- wheelbarrow, trolley
- witches' hats, road sign items

Community Notice

Community Expo
WIRED FOR SCIENCE

10AM - 3PM
SUNDAY
21 AUGUST 2016
CREEC
Canning River Eco Education Centre
Kent Street, Wilson
P: 9461 7160
WHAT'S ON?
Robotics, rock band, solar toys, Science shows, recycled art, Captain Cleanup, university presentations, native animal encounters, prominent Aboriginal presenters, bug science, recycled wood workshops, Great Gardens workshop, free native plant give aways, Castledare Miniature Railway rides, sausage sizzle and much more.

FREE ENTRY & EVERYONE WELCOME!

The 2016 Community Expo is sponsored by:

Further information: www.eapecwa.org.au or www.scienceweek.net.au

YOUTH COMPETITION
Design a logo for the annual WIRED FOR SCIENCE Community Expo at CREEC

THEME OF LOGO
Wired for Science - technology and connections found in science and nature (animals, plants, humans and the earth) e.g. robots, drones, electricity, lightning, food chains, ecosystems, currents and circuits.

Primary School Competition
(Children in Kindy - Year 6)
Design a logo that can be used on a banner to advertise the theme of the Expo.

Go to www.aeeecwa.org.au to download the entry form, terms and conditions and other information.
Entries close on Wed 10 August 2016 at 4pm WST.

Win Fantastic Student and School Prizes!
Student prizes awarded at the Community Expo at CREEC on Sunday 21 August 2016, 10am

The school prize is a FREE excursion for one class to visit the Department of Fisheries in Hillarys (transport not included). Each teacher who enters their class will go in the draw.

For further information contact CREEC on 9461 7160.